#### SUNGAI WAY-SUBANG METHODIST CHURCH

#### **SERMON | 22 OCT 2023**

# partnering with JESUS

**1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-9** 

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## Partnering with Jesus

#### God and His Church

#### **Ephesians 4:11-12** (NLT)

<sup>11</sup> Now these are the <u>gifts</u> Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. <sup>12</sup> Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do His work and build up the church, the body of Christ.

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   <sup>6</sup> This confirms that what I told you about Christ is true.

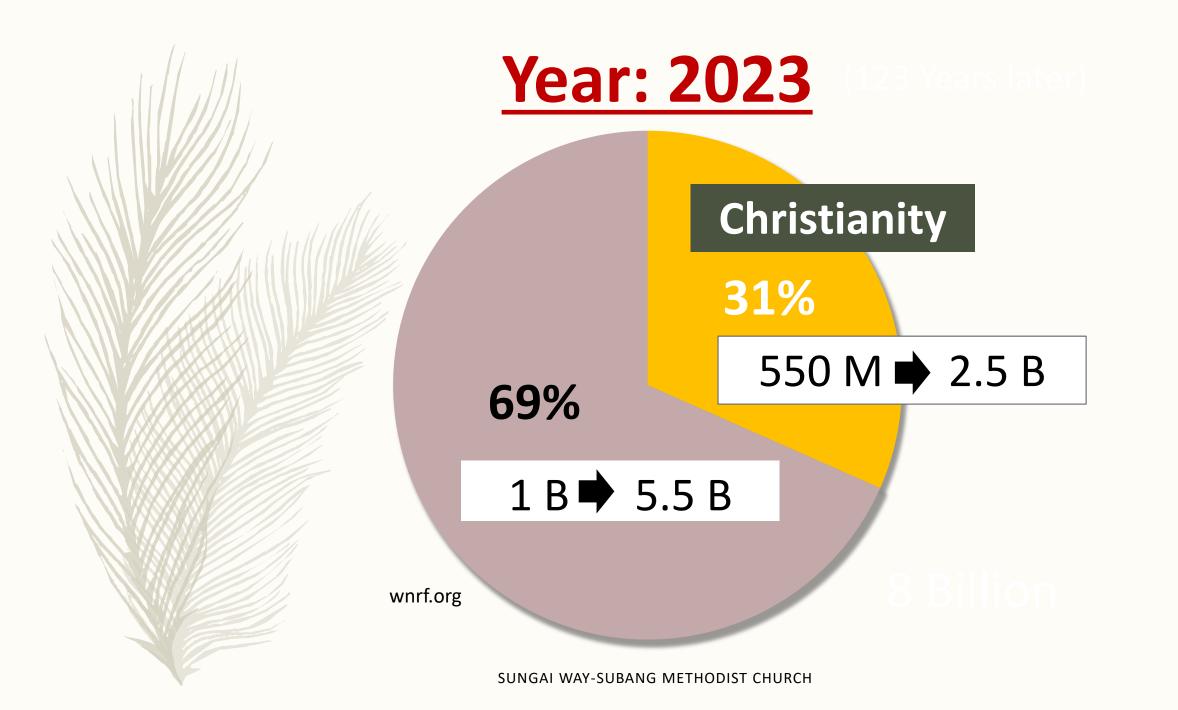
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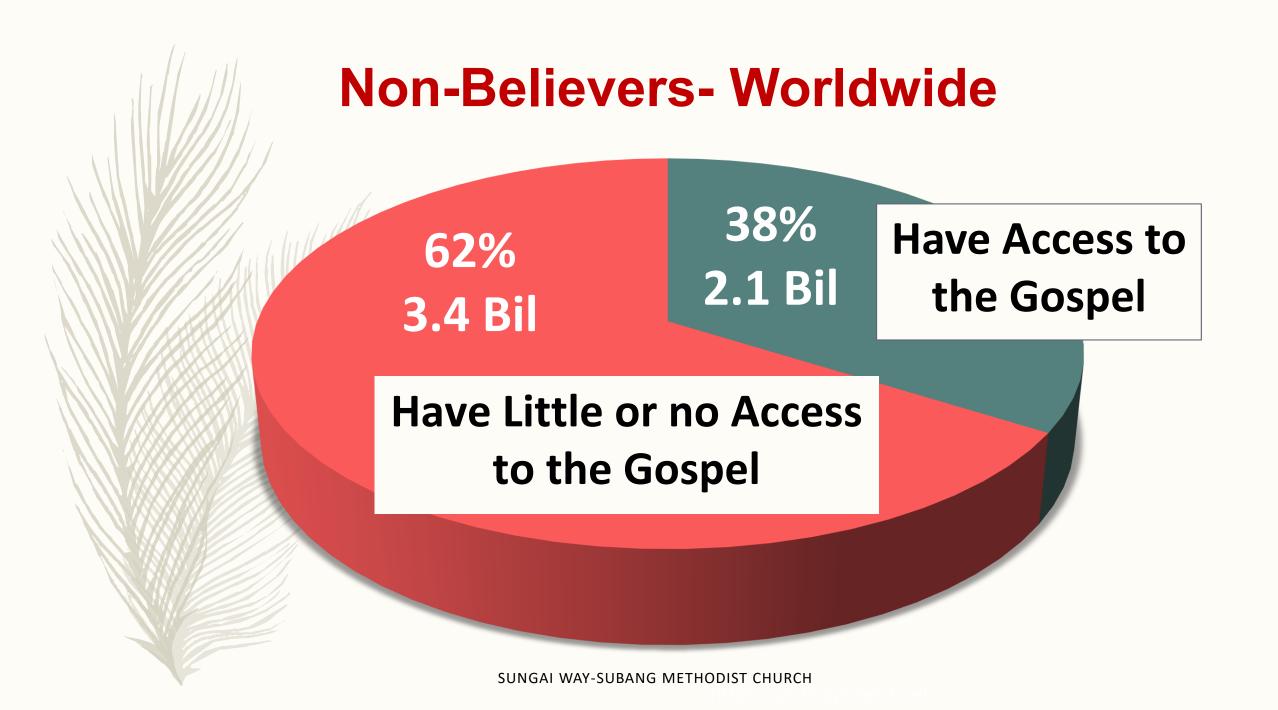
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#### **Matthew 24:14**

And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come.





## **Common threads....**

- 1. Very little focus on the Evangelical, Prophetic and Apostolic gifts.
- 2. Prophetic ministry the most neglected.
- 3. Most churches are lead from a
  - Pastoral/Teacher platform.
- 4. Embarrassed about gifts rather than celebrating them
- 5. Gap between Clergy and Laity

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